

**BOARD MEMBER
OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Policy Code: **2123**

Board members are encouraged to participate in school board development activities designed for them. New board members will have the opportunity and will be encouraged to attend orientation programs for new board members sponsored by the state and national school board associations. It is the responsibility of the board to provide new board members a thorough orientation to board policies, practices and duties.

Each board member must fulfill the legal requirement to receive a minimum of 12 hours of training annually. Unless otherwise approved by the board, such training must be provided by the following entities; The school district; the North Carolina School Boards Association; the National School Boards Association; the School/Institute of Government; or the Department of Public Instruction. If a board member wishes to receive training credit or be reimbursed for attending training offered by another entity, he/she must obtain approval from the board.

The board of education must approve out-of-state travel and conferences sponsored by the National School Boards Association for board members in advance of committing to such travel.

Funds for participation will be budgeted annually and reimbursement for expenses will be made in accordance with law and applicable board policy.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-50; 160A-86, -87

Cross References: Code of Ethics for School Board Members (policy 2120)

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